

June 1, 2021

Dear CGCS families and Community,

This communique is written to you with heavy hearts, as we mourn the horrific discovery of the remains of 215 children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School site last week. As allies in the work of truth and reconciliation, at CGCS we honour those lives lost and the families impacted.

In our ongoing work toward reconciliation, we will be sharing and further examining our land acknowledgement to continue to focus on the work that clearly needs to be done. Later this week, between Wednesday, June 2 and Friday, June 4, we will be observing and further exploring the history of residential schools within homeroom classes, continuing to create understanding and take action as allies with Indigenous friends and family members, and providing students with an orange symbolic item to represent solidarity.

Yesterday, we lowered our flags to half-mast in memory of all children who were sent to residential schools, their families who were forever changed, and those communities that were unalterably impacted.

We know that it is through education that we can take steps to create a better future. It is our responsibility to continue to respond to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In this moment, and in the future, as allies we will continue to educate and learn with a commitment to reconciliation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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